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Applicant: Berez et al. Att'y Docket: 2960/116 (previously 6700-0005.21)

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Invention: Patient Selectable Joint Arthroplasty Devices and Surgical Tools

Facilitating Increased Accuracy, Speed and Simplicity in Performing

Total and Partial Joint Arthroplasty

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance mailed January 12, 2007. Applicant has filed, contemporaneously with this filing, a Petition to Withdraw from Issue along with a Request for Continued Examination in order for the Examiner to consider an accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.